

COAST HAPPENINGS

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BRIEF OUTLINE OF CURRENT EVENTS ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE

Condensed Resume of the Week's Happenings Covering Events of Interest From Nearby Places—Will Allow Rapid Scanning

McEnery Hangs Up Record
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Dr. William McEnery, noted walker, has beaten the record from Queenstown to San Francisco by doing the distance in nine and one-half days.

Mann To Be Commissioner
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Seth Mann, an attorney, is slated to fill the vacancy in the interstate commerce commission caused by the death of Commissioner Marble, according to a report circulating in federal court circles.

Close Redlight District
OAKLAND, Jan. 6.—Oakland's redlight district permanently closed its doors at midnight, pursuant to orders issued by Chief of Police Petersen to his division commanders.
More than 200 inmates have been ordered from the segregated district by the authorities. The latter now face the problem of providing for the unfortunate women.

Rates on Freight Become Effective
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—New rates on all westbound freight and eastbound freight excepting citrus fruits went into effect the first, as recently announced by the transcontinental freight bureau, in Chicago. For the first time they embrace the Pacific Electric railroad and reduce the cost of shipping to suburban towns by eliminating a local rate.

County Trying to Save Road
SANTA MONICA, Jan. 6.—The county is putting an increased force of men at work on the county road south of the long wharf at Santa Monica hoping to save the highway from the ravages of the high seas prevalent on the coast. An effort will be made to collect the expense of this work from the Pacific Electric company, which formerly agreed to maintain this road.

New Registration Begins
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—New general registration of voters began Friday. Chief Clerk McAleer has increased his force of registration clerks to care for the rush.
The old registration holds good until April 1. Cities of the sixth class hold elections this year April 13, and it is necessary for residents in such cities to register before March 13. In all other cases registration need not be made before July.

36,758 Demand New Law
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 6.—Initiative petitions from twenty-four counties of the state, with a total of 36,758 names, have been filed with Secretary of State Jordan for the submitting to the electorate at the next general election the proposition to amend the act for the certification of land titles and to simplify transfers of real estate. The proposition in effect would make the national Torrens land act a state law. Of the total number of names nearly five-sevenths, or 29,077, are from Los Angeles county.

Gain in Postal Receipts Shown
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—Postal receipts officially verified by Postmaster Harrison, show that the Christmas season sales of postage were 15.50 per cent greater than in 1912.
During December, 1913, \$269,042.12 in stamps were sold. December, 1912, sales were \$232,925.29.

Comparing the last three months with the corresponding period of 1912 sales were \$621,514.75 in 1913 and \$565,723.78 in 1912. Increase for the quarter was \$55,790.97.

Official figures for the year were \$2,152,759.20. In 1912 the receipts for the year were \$1,906,390.

Compensation Act in Effect
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 6.—The workmen's compensation, insurance and safety act went into effect January 1. Employers in California are required by its provisions to apply for policies and put up the established premiums.

The act is in most of its features similar to the incorporation of an insurance company, only the state is made the manager of the organization.

The new act will relieve the employer of expense for medical aid, compensation for injury or damages where no neglect is shown.

The employee at the same time is assured of the best medical service, and his full compensation for time lost or personal injury.

The state has set aside \$70,000 as an emergency fund and the organization has a cash capitalization of \$100,000.

The premium rates will be from 20 to 40 per cent less than the usual accident policies carried by employers.

STATE HIGHWAY WORK TO START AT ONCE

FRESNO, Jan. 6.—Contracts for the building of the state highway from the city of Fresno have been approved by the attorney general, and work will probably start about January 6, according to an announcement made from the division office of the state highway commission.

It is probable that two crews will be put to work. One will start at the city limits of Fresno and work south, and the other will start at the southern city limits of Fowler and work south to Kingsburg.

The road from Fresno to Fowler will be thirty feet wide. The concrete base will be twenty feet wide, and the shoulders will be five feet wide on each side. From Fowler to Kingsburg the road will have a concrete base fifteen feet wide, and the shoulders will be four and one-half feet wide. This is the standard width adopted by the state highway commission.

The supervisors of Fresno county made possible the construction of the road from Fresno to Kingsburg by purchasing \$200,000 worth of state highway bonds.

The road will probably not be completed before the first of July, and possibly a little later.

TO CURE PARALYSIS WALKS 1700 MILES

GRAND RAPIDS, Wis., Jan. 6.—Thomas O'Brien of Auburndale has completed a tramp of 1700 miles, which he accomplished in seven weeks, walking an average of thirty miles a day.

Some years ago O'Brien suffered a partial stroke on his left side and, receiving no benefit from medical treatment, he went to Portland, Ore., for his health. Not recovering as rapidly as he anticipated, he decided that exercise was what he needed, and started on his long tramp to Wisconsin.

At first he walked with difficulty, but he persevered, and gradually his limbs grew stronger.

His funds were low and it became necessary to stop occasionally and work for a day or two in order to meet the necessary expenses. Upon his arrival at Auburndale O'Brien was not particularly fatigued by the journey and was almost entirely relieved of his affliction.

MEAT IMPORTS ARE INCREASING

EIGHTEEN MILLION POUNDS ARRIVE WITHIN TWO MONTHS

Amount is Treble That of the Whole of Last Year—Tariff Law May Yield a Larger Sum Than Was Expected

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The placing of beef on the tariff free list has resulted in a vast increase in the importation of foreign beef and meat products. During October and November the department of agriculture reported 18,000,000 pounds of meat and its products were brought from abroad. This is more than triple the amount imported for the whole of 1912.

The foreign beef and meat products are being rigidly inspected by the agents of the bureau of animal industry, who, during the two months, condemned 18,800 pounds.

Nearly half of the imports, or 8,000,000 pounds, came from Canada. Argentina supplied 6,000,000 pounds, Australia 3,000,000, and Uruguay 550,000.

During the two months 200,000 head of cattle from Canada and Mexico were imported.

Treasury officials were inclined to believe tonight that the Underwood-Simmons tariff act will produce several millions more revenue annually than had been estimated by tariff experts. The treasury expected to see revenues fall off about \$45,000,000 a year, but reports for the first two months under the new law have led to the belief that this estimate is excessive.

Some officials predicted the falling off would not amount to more than \$36,000,000 a year, which would give the government \$9,000,000 more than was counted upon for 1914. Customs revenue fell off more than \$4,000,000 during November, but for December figures just out show the decrease over December, 1912, was only about \$2,700,000. Although Christmas business may account for the increase over November this year, it was pointed out the normal decrease from now on will run about \$3,000,000 monthly.

The total treasury disbursements for December amounted to \$61,894,049, compared with \$62,698,269 for December, 1912, but the total excess of disbursements over receipts in December was nearly \$2,000,000 greater than in November.

The net balance in the treasury general fund on December 31 was \$11,854,317, and the grand total of assets in the treasury \$2,038,864,977.

SYLVIA PANKHURST AGAIN ARRESTED

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, militant suffragette, was arrested in the East End of London under the provisions of the "cat and mouse" act. Miss Pankhurst was released on bail December 15, after having endured a hunger, thirst and sleep strike to the point of seeming collapse.

FORTY PER CENT GAIN SHOWN BY LIBRARY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—With an increase of nearly 40 per cent in public library business, statistics now being compiled show the circulation of books for the past year was 1,395,000 as against 1,000,028 in 1912.

This includes the twenty branch libraries and the forty-eight delivery stations.

WAVES SWEEP ATLANTIC; PACIFIC SHATTERS VESSEL

80 MILE GALE MENACES NORTH PACIFIC COAST—LIGHTSHIPS AND BUOYS ADRIFT WHILE STEAMERS HUG THE COAST

Heavy Damage Done on Eastern Coast by High Winds Averaging Over Sixty Miles Per Hour—More Than Half a Mile of Railroad Carried Away North of Seabright, N. J.—Extensive Damage Shown

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The storm which has been sweeping the Long Island and New Jersey coasts greatly increased in velocity, and several points along these coasts are in danger of being washed away. The situation is most grave at Seabright, N. J., where the heavy waves have swept away almost every vestige of the sea wall and bulkheads, leaving a large portion of the town, including hotels and costly summer homes, exposed to the sea. The velocity of the wind at Seabright was between sixty and seventy miles an hour.

Railroad Washed Away
At Normandy, a few miles north of Seabright, the waves tore through a large bulkhead and carried away more than half a mile of the Central Railroad of New Jersey roadbed. All hope of repairing this break was abandoned when it was found that the tide had not receded from the record high level.

The fishermen and their families have deserted their homes along the beach, and many are fearful that all of their possessions were washed away. Several hundred persons left Seabright and the villages for the mainland this evening. Automobiles and carriages are being pressed into service to remove household effects, owing to the railroad's being out of commission.

The Hammel section of Rockaway Beach suffered the heaviest damage of any of the points along the south shore of Long Island. More than 200 families were driven from their homes by the record high waters, and many more are preparing to leave should the sea advance.

Gale Whips Waves
Heavy damage was done all along the south shore by the high wind, which averaged around sixty miles an hour. Hundreds of small boats were driven ashore, and many of those which had been hauled up for the winter were demolished or damaged.

At Edgewater, a few miles east of Rockaway, the waves swept over the eighteen-foot bulkhead and the Edgewater Club, the Hotel Lorraine and many summer cottages were damaged.

Death at Atlantic City
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 6.—One man is dead and several others have been injured as a result of the terrific storm which has swept Atlantic City and adjoining towns for the past twelve hours. Scores have been driven from their homes, and considerable damage has been done to property along the beach.

Vessel Strikes Rocks
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—The ocean shore was thronged by sight-seers watching the thundering assault of the surf on the beach. A lone sea lion perched on a weather ledge of the Seal Rocks, forty feet above the tide, craned his neck complacently over the wetter and turmoil of breakers. At times the spray flew 100 feet over his head.

Northward, the potato patch off Point Bonita was a smother of foam. The British tramp steamer Cowrie, with a crew of forty-five Chinese, bound for Shanghai with a cargo of gasoline, which attempted the northward passage of the bar, grounded on the potato patch and was so badly battered that she put back to port with her bottom plates stove in and was beached in Mission Cove, inside the harbor, to prevent her sinking.

Oregon Coast Swept
Before the fury of an eighty-mile gale which swept the Oregon coast, relief lightship No. 92, stationed temporarily at Umatilla Reef, is reported adrift. She made port at Port Angeles, Washington. A big gas light and whistling buoy stationed off the Columbia river also is gone.

A summary of flood conditions in the Sacramento river watershed, given out by the government forecaster, indicates that critical stages will be maintained at Colusa and Knight's Landing, and that the river at Sacramento will rise slightly.

Rivers Are Rising
The bureau's figures on the Sacramento river stages at various points in the Sacramento valley follow: Kennet, raining, 15.3 feet, rising; Red Bluff, 24.8 feet, falling, crest, 27 feet, reached at midnight last night; Colusa; 27.8 feet, stationary; Knight's Landing, 17.5 feet, rising slowly; Oroville, 13.3 feet, falling; Sacramento, 24.1 feet, rising.

Venice Pier in Danger
VENICE, Jan. 6.—The south wing of the construction work pier off Windward pier, battered by the heavy seas of the past few days and on the verge of falling prey to the ocean, was ordered dismantled this afternoon by Abbot Kinney to save the superstructure.

Several fathoms of steel cable were trundled out on the pier tonight, and the piling of the south wing will be lashed down to keep it from crashing against the supports of Windward pier in the event it breaks from its moorings.

The waters are disturbed by long rollers, which can be seen far off shore, and as they approach the beach gather for a break they rise to twenty or more feet in the air and descend with a thundering crash.

CIVIL SERVICE QUIZ DATES DECIDED ON

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—Civil service examinations for the following federal positions have been announced by F. C. Mulkey, local secretary of the federal civil service bureau, 210 Federal building:

Laboratory assistant (male), \$900 to \$1200 per annum, January 21, 22.
Inspector of mechanical and electrical engineering (male), \$2000 per annum, January 21, 22.
Translator (navy department), \$1400 per annum, January 21, 22.
Topographic aid, temporary (male), entrance \$40 to \$75 per month, February 4, 1914.

Junior Topographer (male), \$720 to \$1200 per annum, February 5, 6.
Laboratory assistant in petrography (male), \$1200 per annum, January 21, 22.
Logger (male), \$660 per annum, January 26, 1914.
Expert needlewoman, \$3 per diem, January 28, 1914.
Technical assistant in pharmacology (male), \$1800 to \$2200, February 2, 1914.
Senior land appraiser (male), age limit 65, \$2700 to \$3600 per annum, January 19, 1914.

50-POUND PACKAGE PARCELS POST RULE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—New rules in the parcel post permit the mailing of fifty-pound packages for local delivery in the first two zones.

STATE CAN DECIDE COAST SHIPS' RATES

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—The state railroad commission won its case in the supreme court on which hinged the right of the commission to regulate the rates of steamship lines doing business between ports of the state.

The startling feature of the supreme court decision, which was made against the Wilmington Transportation company, is that the commission covers the ships which leave the jurisdiction of the state and go to the high sea in passing from port to port.

The decision destroys an injunction which has stood since 1883, when it was obtained by steamship companies to prevent state commissions from regulating steamship traffic between ports in the same state.

The Wilmington Transportation company runs ships between San Pedro and Avalon, on Catalina Island. Both ports are in the state of California, and the railroad commission assumed jurisdiction. The company fought the case on the grounds that its vessels, while plying between two California ports, passed out of the jurisdiction of the commission when they reached the high sea en route.

\$300,000,000 PAID FOR GOLF IN U. S.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Chasing the little white ball over the green costs 2,000,000 of both sexes in the United States approximately \$300,000,000 a year, according to a table published by a Chicago golf expert.

Of this staggering total \$20,000,000 goes for golf clubs. Non-club members, 600,000 of them, blow about \$45,000,000 yearly on equipment and transportation to the links. Club golfers, numbering about 1,400,000, spend \$235,000,000, the expert figures.

TITANIC SUITS WILL BE HEARD NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Litigation growing out of the Titanic disaster will be heard before the supreme court immediately after that body begins its 1914 sittings next Monday. This case involves the liability of the White Star line, owners of the Titanic, for damages. Claims aggregating \$1,000,000 are pending against the British company. An effort will be made to cut this amount to \$90,000 under the American salvage law.

STRONGER BARS AGAINST ALIENS

WILL BE URGED BY IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER CAMINETTI

Declares Many Orientals Come into States Unlawfully—Report Asks Patrol Along Border to Prevent Smuggling

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Positive recommendations will be made by the bureau of immigration for the further restriction of certain kinds of Oriental immigration.

A. Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, returned today to Washington from an extended official trip to immigration stations on the Pacific coast. He plunged at once into the preparation of his annual report, which will submit some important recommendations, particularly with regard to the tide of Oriental immigration that is tending in the direction of the United States.

"It is not my purpose," he said today, "to direct my recommendations at any particular people, but it is manifest that many Orientals are getting into this country unlawfully. This is particularly true of the so-called students, who ostensibly come to this country to obtain an education. Many of these, I am satisfied, are merely laborers, who come here in the guise of students. Proposed regulations and laws will be drafted in an effort to restrict this sort of immigration."

"On the Pacific coast the admission to the country of Hindus has become a serious problem. I am having a search made of our records now to ascertain how many of those people are in the United States legally. I am convinced that scores, perhaps hundreds, have gotten in surreptitiously and have no lawful right here. Some of them have come across the Mexican or Canadian borders, where hitherto it has been impossible entirely to prevent smuggling. This smuggling applies not only to undesirable persons, but to opium and to other articles. I expect to recommend that provision be made for a more rigid patrol of both borders than we ever have had."

Commissioner Caminetti probably will recommend that an extensive patrol force be established on the northern border from the Cascade mountains to the ocean, and on the southern border from Arizona to the sea. It will be his effort to co-operate with the customs service on both borders, not only to prevent the smuggling of immigrants, but also opium.

1,128,000 AUTOS ON U. S. 1913 REGISTERS

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 6.—The number of automobiles registered in the United States has more than doubled since 1911. In that year, according to compilations made public by the secretary of state here, the number was 523,000.

Last year 1,128,000 cars were registered. New York state leads with a total registration of 135,000, and Nevada brings up the rear with 1140.

WAR HEADS BECOME SECRETIVE ON CANAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The ordinance bureau of the war department, in charge of furnishing war material for the Panama canal, will give out no further information as to the plan for the fortification of the canal.

It was learned, however, that the war department has shipped a number of mortars and six-inch rifles. The six-inch guns are the type that can be quickly placed.

WILL CLEAR PANAMA CANAL IN 70 DAYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The Panama canal will be in condition to pass vessels all the way across the isthmus within the next seventy days, it was learned today, unless some unexpected obstacle is encountered.

The only remaining obstacles to prevent the passage of vessels at this moment are the Cucaracha slide, which blocks the cut at Culebra, and the few additional slides of relatively minor importance in the same locality.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

CLEANED FROM NUMEROUS SECTIONS OF BOTH HEMISPHERES

Dispatches Picturing Developments From the Outside World Stripped of Unnecessary Details and Presented in Brief

Veddrines Reaches Heliopolis
CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 5.—Julius Veddrines, French aviator, arrived at Heliopolis, five miles northeast of here on his trip around the world, by airplane.

New York in First Place
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—According to the figures of Dr. W. H. Sulloff, statistician of the board of health, New York's population is 5,376,950, or 1,000,000 more than that of London.

Bed and Bath Five Cents
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The Rufus W. Dawes hotel, where one can get a bed and bath for five cents, built by Charles S. Dawes as a memorial to his only son, was opened New Year's night at 6 o'clock.

Gatun Spillway Opened
PANAMA, Jan. 6.—For the first time since June 27, the Gatun spillway, which regulates the levels of Gatun lake, is open. To rid the lake of vast masses of swamp vegetation it has been planned to open one gate of the spillway an hour or so each day, keeping the water to the existing level.

Summer Capital Destroyed by Fire
SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Jan. 5.—This town was destroyed by fire. The municipal buildings, 24 residences, a circus and a theater were destroyed and the army barracks threatened. A similar fire swept the city just 100 years ago.

San Sebastian is the summer home of the royal family.

178 1/2 Carat Diamond Is Found
LONDON, Jan. 5.—An English diamond digger named Bowker has arrived in London with a diamond of the first water weighing 178 1/2 carats.

The diamond is an amber stone, perfectly clear and of undoubted value. It was found at Droogeveld, South Africa, and resembles the Kohinoor. There is no question that Bowker is the legitimate owner, but he cannot find a buyer.

Suffragettes See Trouble Ahead
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Ungle Sam is going to assess a fine of from \$20 to \$1000 against every suffragette who refuses to make returns to the income tax collector and pay the tax, officials of the treasury department declared. Dr. Anna Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, urges all women to refuse to obey this law. Officials declare women who take her advice will get into trouble.

President Backs Bernhardt for Legion
PARIS, Jan. 5.—M. Rene Viviani, minister of public instruction, has again submitted the name of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt in the New Year's list of persons nominated for membership to the Legion of Honor.

This nomination has been strongly opposed during the past twenty years by the grand chancellor of the order, but friends of the great actress are hopeful that the opposition will be overcome this year, in view of the fact that President Poincaré is extending all his influence in the matter.

Tasman Hauled Off Reef
BRISBANE, Australia, Jan. 5.—The liner Tasman was hauled from the reef in the Gulf of Papua by the Japanese steamship Inaho Maru, according to a wireless message received by Lloyds from Thursday Island. It stated that two holes were torn in the hull, but that the pumps prevented the vessel from becoming completely waterlogged.

The passengers, among whom is Madame Nordica, the American queen of songs, were taken off by the Dutch steamer Houtman and the Australian steamer Aldenhorn.

Foreign Cars in Exhibit
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—This afternoon the grand ball room of the Hotel Astor was thrown open for the Importers' Auto Salon for the annual exhibit of foreign and American motor cars, in which are represented thirteen makes of cars, two body builders, five makes of tires and two accessory manufacturers. The nations represented in the exhibit are France, Germany, England, Italy, Belgium and America.

The various makes of foreign machines shown at the salon are: Benz, Bugatti, De Dion Bouton, Delaney, Belleville, Fiat, Isotta-Fraschini, Lancia, Marshall, Art, Mercedes, Minerva, Peugeot, S.G.V.

FIRST OF STATE TAX REACHES \$2,373,410

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 6.—Warrants for \$2,373,410.98 have been received by Controller Chambers from the various counties of California in settlement of the first installment of taxes for the fiscal year 1913-14. The taxes were raised as follows:

General property, \$34,437.60; poll tax, \$529,006.75; Panama-Pacific exposition tax, \$13,685.68; estates of deceased persons, \$9,465.17; inheritance tax, \$794,530.20; Whittier, \$10,441.57; Preston, \$39,841.01; Sonoma, \$59,815; highway bond interest, \$55,270; school lands, \$28,416.09.

San Francisco paid the largest amount of taxes, \$638,915.84. In the following order came: Los Angeles, \$514,076.35; Alameda, \$199,297.32; Santa Clara, \$58,931.31; Sacramento, \$55,535.32; Kern, \$56,918.41; Fresno, \$56,385.65.

Alpine county paid the smallest amount, \$980.74.